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Getting reel

Theater reopens with free screening

By STEVE REEVES
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Like a faded movie star making a spectacular comeback, the Fort Jackson Theater is reopening this weekend after undergoing an extensive interior renovation.

Sporting a new Dolby Digital sound system, upgraded projection equipment and concessions, fresh paint, new seats and carpet, the theater means members of the Fort Jackson community don't have to venture off

post for a quality movie experience.

The sparkling new interior is a far cry from just a couple of years ago when the theater was shut down after it had become dilapidated.

"This is now a state-of-the-art theater," said Jason Rosenberg, general manager Fort Jackson's AAFES facilities. "Aside from the actual structure, everything else is brand new."

Tickets will be priced at \$4 for adults and \$2 for children, compared to the average off-

post cost of a movie ticket of \$6 for an adult with a military discount. Concessions at the Fort Jackson Theater will cost on average 20 percent less than those at civilian theaters.

"To take a family of four to the movies, it's a great value compared to other theaters," Rosenberg said. "This is a great addition to the Fort Jackson community."

Patrons can get a preview of the newly refurbished theater on Friday, with a screening

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Soldiers honor veterans



Photo by MIKE A. GLASCH

Staff Sgt. John Canter, Installation Chaplain's Office, and Staff Sgt. Stacey Howell, Garrison Headquarters, place a flag and flagpole along the entrance of the Fort Jackson National Cemetery Tuesday. The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program and the 17th Military Police Detachment teamed up to place flags in honor of Veterans Day.

Veterans set example for our generation

Veterans seldom seek recognition for the selfless service and sacrifices they have made for our country. Perhaps that's what makes Veterans Day such a respectfully proud day — not only for those who have served, but for our nation as a whole.

Yesterday was Veterans Day, the most humbling of all holidays. Since Nov. 11, 1918, our country has set one day aside to honor all of those who have served. This day allows us to focus on all of America's veterans, who have defended America's freedom, in effect making the world a safer and better place for all of us.

I hope that you didn't treat yesterday like another day off. I am hopeful that all of you took some time to focus on all of America's veterans. Perhaps some of you thanked a veteran you know or some of you had a chance to drop by Dorn VA Medical Center to show how much you care.

I can't stress how paramount it is for you to set the example for the next generation.

Despite the fact that our mission here on Fort Jackson is to provide young men and women the physical, academic and occupational knowledge in their transformation from civilian to Soldier — it is also our duty to make sure our new Soldiers understand the feelings we have for the veterans who have paved the way for us and

BRIG. GEN. BRADLEY W. MAY
Fort Jackson Commanding General



why those feelings are so special.

We need to share these thoughts and feelings with our new brothers and sisters and teach them the history and genesis of the holiday, how it began as a resolution containing the hopes that World War I would be the end to all wars. Unfortunately, we know that was not the case.

We must also teach them to really understand what our predecessors have accomplished, missions that ranged from storming the beaches at Normandy, liberating death camps like Dachau, locating downed pilots in Vietnam, carrying wounded comrades from the desert or reentering hostile territory to rescue a battle buddy. Such gallantry should never be forgotten.

We also dare not forget those veterans among us who

continue to fight battles once the guns go silent — dealing with physical and emotional scars that may never go away completely. Some face living with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or feelings of guilt or shame.

A little bit of recognition, a friendly hello, a pat on the back for a job well-done, or a welcome home at the airport goes a long way to promote healing.

Veterans — who come in all shapes and sizes, from all socio-economic backgrounds, races, genders, and creeds — have always stood as one, on all sorts of battlefields. Many have shown the valor that our nation's citizens have only seen in their dreams or on the screen.

Our veterans have been fueled by the importance of their underlying central mission, regardless of the date, time or place of conflict. They were there and will always be there to defend the freedom, liberty and justice — all of which distinguishes America from all other countries.

World peace has yet to happen as it was envisioned during the inception of Veterans — or Armistice Day, as it was called back in President Wilson's day. But that doesn't change our mission, alter our course, dampen our hope or weaken our resolve. I stand proudly to salute all those who have served. And I know you do, too.

Army Strong!

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Ask the garrison commander about: Army casualty affairs Web site

Does the Army have a casualty affairs Web site?

Yes, The Army's casualty Web site is maintained by the Department of the Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center and can be accessed at: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/mil/site/Active/TAGD/CMAOC/cmaoc.htm>. The CMAOC Web site serves as an information and assistance point for casualty-affected Army families and for the many dedicated professionals serving to aid surviving Army family members in their time of greatest need.

What can a Soldier do if he or she has determined that an unfavorable document was unjustly received?

A Soldier can apply to the DA Suitability Evaluation Board to have the documents removed completely from his or her official records. The Soldier will need to refer to Army Regulation, 600-37, Unfavorable Information, Chapter 7, on what documents are required for the removal of the punishment.

I noticed new exercise equipment at Perez gym. Who is

COL. LILLIAN A. DIXON
Fort Jackson Garrison Commander



responsible for selecting the equipment purchased for the gyms on Fort Jackson?

In an effort to standardize levels of service across the Army, IMCOM has instituted a central management program for strength and cardiovascular/aerobic exercise equipment and has negotiated Nonappropriated Fund agreements through the General Service Administration to purchase fitness equipment.

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Mental health in focus in wake of tragedy

By JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has worked hard on developing programs to maintain the psychological health of the service, but much more needs to be done, Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. said Sunday.

Appearing on the CNN program “State of the Union,” Casey reflected on his “gut-wrenching” and “up-lifting” visit to Fort Hood, Texas, on Nov. 6, the day after 13 people were murdered in a shooting spree, allegedly by an Army psychiatrist.

The general said the experience was gut-wrenching “because the suspect is one of our own, and it happened on one of our bases.” But he added that he was heartened by stories of Soldiers rushing to one another’s aid. “But it’s a kick in the gut,” he said.

Because the alleged gunman is Muslim, the general expressed concern about the possibility of backlash against other Muslim Soldiers. “I’ve asked our Army leaders to be on the lookout for that,” he said. “As great a tragedy as this was, it would be a shame if our diversity became a casualty as well.”

About 3,000 Muslim Soldiers serve in the Army. The general said he doesn’t believe there is discrimination against them, but that continued speculation on the alleged gunman’s motivation might cause a backlash.

Casey emphasized that the Army has stressed mental fitness for several years and has launched campaigns to reduce the stigma associated with seeking care for psychological trauma. The service needs to do more, the general acknowledged, but has made a good start in bringing to the forefront the need to seek help for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury — the signature psychological wounds of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

The Army has hired more than 900 additional medical health providers in the last two years, Casey said, and the TRICARE military health system has hired more than 2,800.

In addition, Casey said, a Defense Department military family life consultants program sends certified behavioral



Photo by STEVE REEVES

Soldiers from the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) stand in formation before observing a moment of silence to honor those killed and injured in last week’s shooting at Fort Hood. The moment of silence took place at 2:34 p.m. Nov. 5, exactly 24 hours after the shootings.

health specialists to Army brigades returning from deployment.

“It is a challenge, across the country, in the number of mental health providers that are available, particularly in rural areas,” Casey said. “It’s something that we all need to work together.”

Suicides have increased in the Army since 2004, and last year, the service exceeded the civilian rate.

“Unfortunately, the progression will remain about the same this year,” Casey said. “We’ll exceed the number of suicides last year.”

The general noted the Army conducted a “suicide stand-down” across the entire force.

The service continues to learn from incidents, and will learn from the suicide prevention program and the Fort Hood tragedy, the general said.

“We have to go back and look at ourselves and ask ourselves the hard questions. Are we doing the right things?” he said. “It’s way too early to draw any kind of specific conclusions from it, but we’ll ask ourselves the hard questions about what we’re doing and about what changes we should make as a result of this incident at Fort Hood.”

Fort Jackson graduation a first for Navy chaplains

By SUSANNE KAPPLER

Fort Jackson Leader

After 12 weeks of training, 28 Navy chaplains graduated from the first chaplain basic course at the new Naval Chaplaincy School and Center on Fort Jackson Friday.

“Today marks a very important milestone in the careers of this select group of clergy as they become our first chaplain graduates from this new location,” said Navy Chaplain (Rear Adm.) Robert Burt, chief of Navy chaplains.

The Navy moved its chaplain school to Fort Jackson in August from Naval Station Newport, R.I. as mandated by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission of 2005.

The school conducted classes temporarily at the Naval Operation Support Center and is scheduled to move to its permanent location at the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center Nov. 30.

During the graduation ceremony, the Navy Chaplain Corps colors were unfurled, symbolizing the move to Fort Jackson.

“We are excited about being here,” said

Navy Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Langston, commanding officer of the Naval Chaplaincy School and Center. “We know that God is going to bless in immeasurable ways not only this community, but the men and women who will flow through this place, who receive the training, who receive the empowerment and the skill sets so that they can go in the fleet and serve our men and women and families in the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps and the United States Coast Guard.”

Langston said that despite initial personnel shortages, the move to Fort Jackson was seamless.

“We’re thankful for all of those who have supported us and continue to support us,” he said. “The Fort Jackson community has rallied around us and welcomed us with open arms. And we are grateful for all that they have done and continue to do, for we are all on the same team.”

The Navy Chaplaincy School and Center will also train religious program specialists, who previously were trained in Meridian, Miss.

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Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

Senior Chief Religious Program Specialist Scott Quinn, left, unfurls the colors of the Naval Chaplaincy School and Center during the school’s first graduation ceremony for new chaplains Friday.

Fort Jackson honors Native Americans

By SHARONDA PEARSON
Fort Jackson Leader

Fort Jackson will host three days of activities next week in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

The activities will begin with Trail of Remembrance educational walks at the on-post schools. C.C. Pinckney Elementary has its walk scheduled from noon to 2 p.m., Monday, while Pierce Terrace Elementary has a walk scheduled Tuesday at the same time.

Chiefs from local tribes will set up stations and lead informational sessions about their tribes and traditional Native American attire.

The festivities are not just for students, said Sgt. 1st Class Connie Miller, the 171st Infantry Brigade equal opportunity adviser and organizer of the event.

“Parents of students at Pinckney and Pierce (are encouraged) to attend the walks to meet several Native American chiefs from the local area and talk to them one-on-one with

their children,” she said.

Miller said she is happy the Army recognizes the culture.

“I love that the Army honors Native Americans because often they are overlooked and forgotten,” Miller said. “Events like this let them know that we do care, we are listening and that we are making young Soldiers aware of their past and present struggles.”

The theme of this years event is “Strengthening the Spirit of Our Nation,” which Miller said she feels represents the community well.

“I really believe that the American Indian is the spirit of our nation because they were the original people of this country,” Miller said. “Many of our traditions originate from them.”

The week’s activities will culminate with a luncheon at the Officers’ Club from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, where Chief Steve Silverheels, a Seneca/Mohawk Iroquois, will speak. Silverheels’ father played Tonto in the popular

TV series “The Lone Ranger.”

The event will also feature traditional Native American music and dance from a mixture of local tribes and food.

Silverheels, who is a minister, said that he believes it is important for the Army to recognize Native Americans because of their role in the military throughout history.

“Many Native Americans fought in wars before they were even able to be recognized as citizens. We have a tradition of being warriors,” he said.

Miller said that Silverheels was selected because of his significant role in the Native American community.

“Chief Silverheels was chosen as this year’s guest speaker because he is a motivational speaker for his people,” she said.

She also said that she felt the events would be a memorable experience for participants.

“I encourage folks to come out to the activities to learn more about Native Americans, and see great entertainment.”

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Leader by example



Photo by SHARONDA PEARSON

Retired Lt. Gen. James Campbell addresses Fort Jackson leaders as part of the post’s quarterly leadership and training guest speaker program Nov. 5 at the NCO Club.

Heading home



Photo by SHARONDA PEARSON

Maria Moore, a cashier with Victory Travel, helps Spc. Bradley Owen, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, plan his travel arrangements for block leave, which begins Dec. 17.

Cheers! Police train in sobriety testing

By **STEVE REEVES**
Fort Jackson Leader

Getting drunk while on duty is usually asking for trouble. But for several Soldiers who volunteered for a special assignment, it was all for a good cause.

CAMPAIGN PLAN FOCUS



The course for police officers supports the Fort Jackson campaign plan by providing training, which is one of the three lines of operation of the plan.

The Soldiers were part of a weeklong course that trained law enforcement officers how to spot impaired drivers.

“I think it’s important to help out these police officers and help make our roads safer,” said Maj. Donald Baker, executive officer of the 2nd Battalion, 60 Infantry Regiment. “I don’t usually drink. And if I do drink, I certainly don’t drive.”

Baker was one of three officers and Soldiers

who volunteered to help with the training last week, which was held at Fort Jackson and sponsored by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

Thirteen officers took part in the training, including 10 Fort Jackson military and civilian policemen. Two Richland County Sheriff’s Office deputies and one Forest Acres Police officer also took part.

The course combined classroom lectures and practical exercises such as using volunteers to learn how to spot the signs of an impaired driver, as well as conduct field sobriety tests.

“Using people who have actually been drinking is one of the best tools you can use for this type of training,” said Spc. David Beaton, a member of the 17th Military Police Detachment who trains new MPs on how to conduct field sobriety tests. “This is probably the most important part of the training.”

Wayne Harris, an instructor with the Criminal Justice Academy, said the training gives new officers a chance to make sure they know what to look for before they hit the roads to make actual DUI stops.



Photo by STEVE REEVES

Sgt. 1st Class Len Taylor tries to watch a pen being moved back and forth as part of a field sobriety test called the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test. Taylor volunteered to drink alcohol so that police officers taking a weeklong training course could practice making alcohol-related traffic stops.

“We’re trying to build their confidence,” Harris said. The volunteers were given drinks containing alcohol for several hours before the officers began practicing their observation and testing techniques.

Harris said the volunteers were given enough alcohol for their blood alcohol content to just barely reach 0.08 percent, the legal limit in South Carolina, but not so high that they were obviously impaired.

“If somebody’s falling down drunk, that’s not a challenge for the officers,” Harris said. “We want them to be forced to make hard decisions regarding whether someone is impaired or not.”

Another Criminal Justice Academy instructor, Jim Crosland, said the course certifies officers to conduct the three most common field sobriety tests.

Crosland said it is important for officers to be proficient in getting impaired drivers off the roads because

South Carolina is second highest in the nation for alcohol-related traffic fatalities.

“About 52 percent of all our traffic fatalities are alcohol related,” he said.

Fort Jackson police officer Terrance Crawford, a DA civilian, said the training definitely made him more confident in his ability to handle an alcohol-related traffic stop.

“It helps you to be more knowledgeable about what to look for,” Crawford said.

Staff Sgt. Robert Landes, operations sergeant for the Directorate of Emergency Services, said the training ultimately is about protecting people.

“It helps us provide a more fully equipped police department for Fort Jackson and keep the people who live and work here safe,” he said.

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News and notes

TOWN HALL MEETING

A town hall meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday, at the Solomon Center.

FMWR ONLINE REGISTRATION

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation has delayed the development of a new Web site for online registration and fee payments. FMWR is still accepting e-mail addresses for those patrons desiring online access. Registration forms can be found at most FMWR locations. Call 751-5005 for information.

AAFES UPDATE

AAFES patrons will now be required to show identification at the register at the time of purchase. Identification will be required upon entry each Thursday.

Spouses reap benefits of hiring policy

By **SHARONDA PEARSON**
Fort Jackson Leader

During a period of high unemployment, many people are looking for any possible advantage during their job hunts. Thanks to a new executive order, military spouses may have just a little more leverage during their federal job searches.

The new hiring authority for military spouses, which took effect Sept. 11, means that military spouses who meet certain criteria are now eligible for noncompetitive appointment to federal positions for a maximum of two years. A noncompetitive eligibility status lets spouses apply for jobs with a special status instead of only being able to apply for federal jobs that are open to the public.

While the status does not guarantee selection, it does give federal agencies the option of directly selecting a spouse who is considered to be qualified for an available position.

"Spouses have to remember that the order isn't a guarantee of job placement. It's another aid to help them get placed, but they still have to be deemed well-qualified," said Janice Garcia, military spouse preference program administrator with the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

She also said spouses should not wait to ask about the hiring preference, which is eligible for only two years after moving to a new duty station.

"The key to the order is the two-year time frame. That's why it's important for spouses to find out if they are eligible for the program as soon as they arrive at Fort Jackson," she said. "I am always available to fully explain the benefits or eligibility or just parts that (spouses) do not understand."

CPAC is working in conjunction with Army Community Services to help incoming spouses make the most of the hiring preference while at Fort Jackson. ACS is offering a "Steps to getting a Federal Job" class and resume writing tips to help spouses during the process. The next class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, in Room 222 of the Strom Thurmond Building.

"Everyone is encouraged to come to the class because they'll get a good strong foundation on what they need to do to be successful in their federal job search," said Barbara Martin, employment readiness program manager at ACS. "It explains the Resumix CPOL program, but also explains how to prepare a great resume and how to go through the



Photo by SHARONDA PEARSON

Barbara Martin, employment readiness manager at Fort Jackson's Army Community Services, speaks to a group of spouses during a course aimed at helping them find federal employment.

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

To qualify, spouses must meet any of three criteria:

- Accompany a service member who undergoes a permanent change of station.
- Married to a 100 percent disabled service member injured while on active duty.
- Unremarried widow or widower of a service member who died while on active duty.

process of applying for federal jobs."

The Resumix program on CPOL, which stands for Civilian Personnel Online, is a resume building system used by the Department of the Army that allows civilians to self-nominate for positions.

Martin said that spouses seem to be excited about the new hiring authority.

"Our classes are getting fuller and spouses want to come out and get information about the program. Before now, spouses were getting discouraged because they were being rejected because of their lack of eligibility. Hopefully, now they won't be rejected because of their eligibility status."

Monica Turey, a military spouse who recently attended the ACS class, is also optimistic about what the new spouse hiring preference could mean for her during her job search.

"I'm hoping that the preference will increase my chances of employment," she said.

Other spouses in the class expressed similar sentiments.

"My main reason for coming to the class was to find out about the new spouse hiring preference and federal employment in general," said David Lane. "Any advantage helps, especially now that it's getting harder to find jobs."

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Housing Happenings

COMMUNITY UPDATES

- ❑ All boats, trailers, ATVs and campers must be parked in the RV parking lot. For access, call 751-9339.
- ❑ Please be sure to remove Halloween decorations from your homes and yards.
- ❑ Remember to keep items picked up from your front yards. Please consult the resident guide for descriptions.
- ❑ Congratulations to the Halloween yard decorating contest winners. First place goes to Staff Sgt. Timothy Dooley and family. The runner-up is Staff Sgt. Jeffery Manley and family.
- ❑ Residents who fill out a comment card after being in con-

tact with a Balfour Beatty employee have the chance to win \$100. Winners are chosen monthly.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- ❑ JNCO / Community Center — Drywall installation at the Community Center is complete. Painting and installation of interior trim is in progress.
- Two townhome buildings and one UFAS building are in the process of having drywalls and interior trim installed.
- Asphalt is being poured for new roads
- ❑ Residents are encouraged to be cautious near construction sites.

NEC Signals

Please keep the following tips in mind when applying both network and personal security practices.

- ❑ If an e-mail message comes through home/office Internet service provider or government issued system that appears to be a hoax or requires personal information be provided, delete the email from your mailbox and inform the unit Information Management Officer.
- ❑ Do not pass/forward e-mail to

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Hodges: ‘Always excel’

Rank, name
1st Sgt. Shawn Hodges

Unit
Company D, 1st Battalion,
34th Infantry Regiment

**Military Occupational
Specialty / Job title**
11Z5M, infantryman / first sergeant

Years in service
16

Family
Married

Highest education
Some college

Hobbies
Scuba diving and hiking



Photo by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

First Sgt. Shawn Hodges, Company D, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment was inspired by the movie “Hamburger Hill” to join the Army.

NCO spotlight

tary career. A Soldier whom he truly admired as a leader was fatally wounded there.

“My first sergeant, 1st Sgt. (Michael) Bordelon was killed ... in 2005 from injuries at Mosul,” Hodges said. “I remember his charisma. He was a really easy ... guy to get along with. He was a strong guy (whom) you could go to and talk to, to rectify problems. He took it upon himself to square you away.”

The late-80’s movie “Hamburger Hill” beckoned Hodges to join the Army. The

movie portrays a group of American Soldiers who fought a courageous battle to win Hill 937 on the Laotian border.

“It was so inspirational,” Hodges said of “Hamburger Hill.”

Before he retires from the Army, in another four or so years, Hodges would like to achieve the rank of command sergeant major and lead an infantry battalion.

He advises junior enlisted to always excel.

“Always pursue you professional and personal development. Avoid the jobs that would be considered ‘taking a knee,’” Hodges said.

— Story by Delawese Fulton

The NCO Creed

No one is more professional than I. I am a non-commissioned officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a noncommissioned officer, I realize that I am a member of a time-honored corps, which is known as “the backbone of the Army.”

I am proud of the Corps of Noncommissioned Officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the corps, the military service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself.

I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind — accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers.

I will strive to remain technically and tactically proficient.

I am aware of my role as a noncommissioned officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own.

I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers.

I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders.

I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, noncommissioned officers, leaders!

Soldiers return from deployment

By **DELAWESE FULTON**
Fort Jackson Leader

For the past year, Spc. Teresa House has been assigned to Camp Shelby, Miss., and Fort Bragg, N.C. to train deploying Soldiers.

Saturday, House was reunited with her family, including 17-month-old son Zachary, during a ceremony for members of the 2nd Battalion, 345th Combat Support Regiment.

House was among 33 Soldiers of the Active Component, Reserve Component, or ACRC, unit of the 2-345th presented several mementos of appreciation, including encased American flags with "Warrior Citizen" engraved on a small gold-like plate on the cases' triangular wooden frames.

Established in 2004, the Warrior Citizen Award program recognizes all Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers who serve admirably — for 180 consecutive days or more — while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle.

The recognition is for those assigned to units to train deploying Soldiers, as well as those who deployed overseas.

The Warrior Citizen ceremony recognizes civilian-Soldiers and their families and the sacrifices that both make to support the missions of the Army, said Col. Timothy Vuono, commander of the 157th Infantry Brigade and guest speaker at the ceremony.

"On any given day, (about) 50,000 Na-

tional Guard and (about) 25,000 Army Reserve Soldiers are activated for war," Vuono told families and guests gathered at Anderson Street Chapel.

"Thank you for all you do, (thank you) for your endurance," he said. "And, thank you to your employers."

Saturday marked the official end to Sgt. 1st Class Cheryl Dorsey's deployment to the Middle East. She was among those Soldiers awarded for their effort and commitment.

Dorsey was stationed in Afghanistan for approximately 16 months. Dorsey said her deployment has been very trying for her family, especially her husband.

"It was kind of difficult, that was my third deployment and longest deployment," said Dorsey, who also has an adult son.

Many of the Soldiers are mobilized for a year or more at a time, said Maj. Sheryl Attilee, battalion adjutant.

"It is really good that we recognize our Soldiers and their families and recognize their sacrifices throughout these deployments," Attilee said.

The 2-345th also remembered the Soldiers and families who were affected by the recent tragedy at Fort Hood, Texas, where 13 were killed and 29 were wounded in a shooting spree on Nov. 5.

Vuono, who was assigned to Fort Hood in 2001 as a 4th Infantry Division Artillery S3, held a moment of silence in honor of the victims.

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Photo by DELAWESE FULTON

Spc. Teresa House, shown here with son Zachary, was one of 33 Reserve Soldiers recognized at a Welcome Home ceremony last week.

ICE program a success on Fort Jackson

Customer Service on Fort Jackson finished with a "bang" in fiscal year 2009.

There were more than 40,000 submissions through the Interactive Customer Evaluation System, with an employee staff attitude of 4.75 out of a possible 5 and an overall customer satisfaction rating of 95 percent.

So what do the numbers really mean? First, the volume of ICE submissions shows that Fort Jackson has completely embraced ICE as a viable outlet for immediate issue resolution from service providers.

Second, the employee staff attitude and customer satisfaction ratings show that service providers across the installation are doing an excellent job in meeting the needs of their customer base which are the Soldiers, family members, veterans, retirees and civilian employees.

Service providers on Fort Jackson have worked tirelessly this past year to provide a quality of service that is commensurate to the commitment made by those who serve everyday and it shows.

Community FIRST in partnership with Army Family Action Plan facilitated eight constituent focus groups to include the annual AFAP conference and prioritized 62 community issues which were all discussed and voted upon by the Installation Action Council chaired by the garrison commander, along with directors, unit commanders, separate commands, schools and constituent representatives.

CUSTOMER SERVICE CORNER

Some of the issues discussed, voted and complete included: Unauthorized use of on-post facilities; laundromat facilities for families; concealed weapons permit; better marketing of activities for single Soldiers; adaptive aquatics for special needs children; fees for the use of Legion Pool; multipurpose family readiness center; Army Community Service contracts; dissemination of disabled veterans employment information; living quarters for unaccompanied Soldiers; timeliness of TRICARE payments.

ICE APPRECIATION

The garrison congratulates all the service providers on the installation for their efforts to strive for excellence in service delivery, and to the entire Fort Jackson community for embracing the many avenues available to express your concerns throughout the year. Continue to "let your voice be heard."

THE CMS PROCESS

The Customer Management System at Fort Jackson is a three-tiered feedback system established to determine the satisfaction of those who work, train, live and play on the installation.

CMS includes the Interactive Customer Evaluation system, Community FIRST/AFAP and Customer Service Assessments.

This feedback enables the garrison to focus on specific actions aimed at improving customers' experiences of post services.

A complete list of Community FIRST issues can be found at <http://www.jackson.army.mil/WellBeing/wellbeing.htm>. New issues may be submitted on the site as well, by clicking on "Submit an Issue or Recommendation" or on the Community FIRST/AFAP Logo.

Whether it affects individuals and constituent groups here at the installation level or throughout the Army, feedback is important.

"Let your voice be heard!"

Movie theater set to reopen

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of "Fame" at 7 p.m.

But the main attraction is the grand re-opening on Saturday with a ribbon cutting at 2 p.m. A free screening of the movie, "The Blind Side," starring Sandra Bullock and Tim McGraw begins at 3 p.m.

"The Blind Side," a true story about former college All-American and current professional football player Michael Oher, is being made available to Fort Jackson before its national premiere Nov. 20.

Tickets can be picked up at the Main Food Court, the AIT Troop Store and the Gate 1 Shoppette.

Having a ticket does not guarantee entry to the movie since it is on a first-come, first-serve basis and the theater holds 750 patrons.

"If someone doesn't get a ticket, they should come anyway," Rosenberg said. "Someone who does have a ticket may decide not to come. We're going to try to get everybody in."

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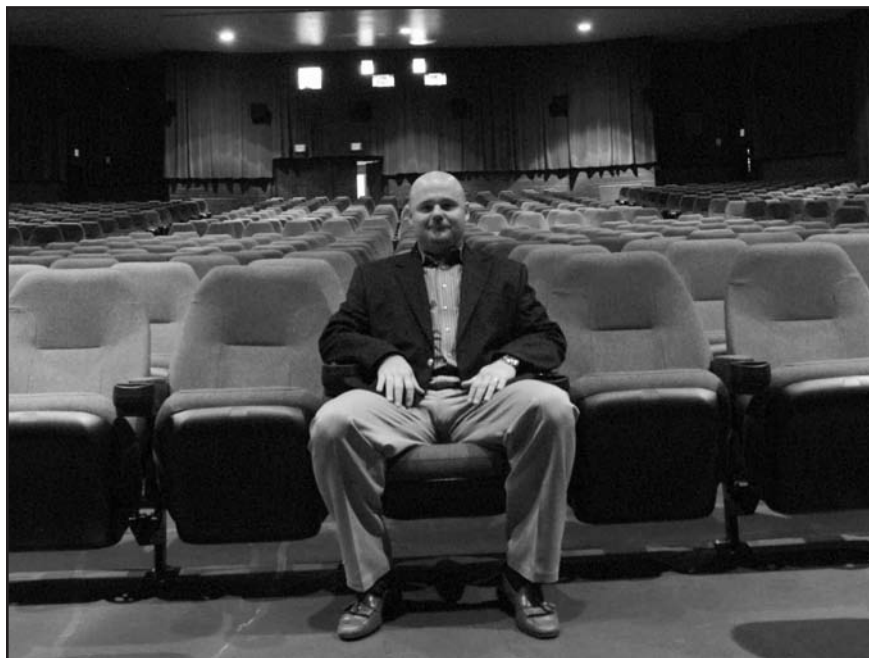


Photo by STEVE REEVES

Jason Rosenberg, general manager of the Fort Jackson Army and Air Force Exchange Service, takes a break during preparations for the grand opening of the refurbished Fort Jackson movie theater.

FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK DON'T TRUST - ASK!!!!



Don't take uniforms for granted ... require identification

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Post mourns retired NCO

By CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN
Fort Jackson Leader

Members of the Fort Jackson community said goodbye Tuesday to a man known to many as a friend and mentor.

Retired Sgt. Maj. Walter Smith Jr. was laid to rest this week at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. He died Oct. 30 in Homburg, Germany of heart complications. The Beaumont, Texas native was 59.

Dan Garrett, a casualty training instructor at Fort Jackson, was one of those who knew Smith during his military career. Smith and Garrett lived in the same neighborhood, and also worked together in Smith's catering company.

Smith's son, Walter Smith III, said his father was the type of man who left an impression on everyone he met.

"Daddy was a very loving, disciplined and focused person," he said. "I think it was his life mission to make everything and everyone around him better.

"He was an excellent man, and excellent role model. He gave unselfishly, he poured himself out to those around him."

During his time at Fort Jackson, Smith served as command sergeant major of the 369th Adjutant General Battalion, and later as chief trainer, the position in which he retired. After his retirement in 1998, he continued his catering service and went on to work as an area coordinator for Limestone College. Since last year, he worked for military contractor MPRI in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Smith's sister, Madalynne Peters, said her brother will be missed.

She recounted how family members expected her brother to become a preacher. But Smith knew he wanted to join the Army, she said. As a military man, however, Peters said she thinks Smith was still able to touch the lives of many.

"Even though he didn't turn out to be the preacher my mother wanted, he turned out to be a preacher in his own way," she said.

Garrett said Smith touched lives by being there for his Soldiers, among others.

"He was the one person that if you needed a friend, or wanted someone to help you in your military career ... you could confide in him about anything," he said.

In fact, Garrett said, Smith was more like family than a friend and colleague.

"This is the guy that I call my big brother," he said. "My kids even called him uncle — that's how close we were.

"For most people, he probably could be considered a hero, because I know he was mine."

He is survived by sons, Walter (Charlene) Smith III and Jonathan C. Baber; daughter, Andraus M. (Kevin) Day; sisters, Madalynne Peters, Ollie Lee Hazley and Novie Lee Waters; and five grandchildren.

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Saluting the cycle's Basic Combat Training honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



Staff Sgt.
Jason Cheely
Company A
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Ashley Renner

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Gregory Andrew

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Justen Gobbi

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Patrick Wilhelm



Staff Sgt.
Benjamin Hardy
Company B
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Cristobal Melendez

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Jason Lewis

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Jordan Wisdorf

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Stephanie Hamilton



Staff Sgt.
Thomas Allen
Company C
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Shaun Alvillar

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Kenard Gillard

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Lee Purdham

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Ricko Bruno



Staff Sgt.
Stacie Brown
Company D
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Daniel Whitmer

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Nathaniel Bickham

HIGH BRM
Spc. Robert McCarty

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Justin Mason



Staff Sgt.
Curtis Messer
Company E
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Jason Aipolani

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Zachary Mis

HIGH BRM
Spc. John Gardner

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Arielle Johnston



Staff Sgt.
Joseph Garlan
Company F
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Gary Bostick

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Danicka Bergeson

HIGH BRM
Spc. Jason Hwang

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Jennifer Paulson

STAFF SUPPORT AWARD
Spc. Ellen Lin

SERVICE SUPPORT AWARD
Mark Fulton

FAMILY SUPPORT AWARD
Susan Crane

DFAC AWARD
Clyde Thompson

THIS WEEK'S FEATURES

Date	Time	Movie	Rating	Running Time
Nov. 13	7 p.m.	Fame	PG	107 min.
Nov. 14	3 p.m.	Blind Side	PG-13	Free screening
Nov. 14	7 p.m.	Jennifer's Body	R	102 min.
Nov. 15	3 p.m.	G-Force	PG	88 min.
Nov. 19	1 p.m.	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	PG	90 min.
Nov. 19	5 p.m.	Couples Retreat	PG-13	114 min.
Nov. 20	7 p.m.	Pandorum	R	108 min.
Nov. 21	7 p.m.	Couples Retreat	PG-13	114 min.
Nov. 22	3 p.m.	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	PG	90 min.
Nov. 22	7 p.m.	Pandorum	R	108 min.

Fort Jackson
Reel Time Theater
(803) 790-1645
Closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Ticket admission
ADULT \$4
CHILDREN (younger than 11) \$2
Visit aafes.com for listings

Thanksgiving meal schedule

UNIT	MILITARY	GUESTS / FAMILY
187th. Ord. Bn.	11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
2nd. Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.	11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
3rd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.	11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
3rd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.	11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
369th AG Bn.	Noon to 3 p.m.	Noon to 3:30 p.m.
120th AG Bn.	11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	

The 120th AG Bn. dining facility is designated for retirees and guests of military ID card holders who are not assigned to a unit. Meals for retirees and guests will be served 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Holiday meal served Nov. 18
2nd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg. 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for all diners

Holiday meal served Nov. 24
Drill Sergeant School 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for all diners

Holiday meals served Nov. 25
1st Bn., 34th Inf. Reg. 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for all diners
2nd Bn., 39th Inf. Reg. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all diners
3rd Bn., 34th Inf. Reg. 5-8 p.m. for all diners

Holiday meals cost \$7 (standard) and \$5.95 (discount). The discount rate only applies to dependents of enlisted Soldiers who are E-4 or below. For more information, call 751-4015/5556.



At your service
phone numbers and opening hours for key post facilities

All South Federal Credit Union	782-9830	Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
American Red Cross	751-4329/5923	Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Andy’s Fitness Center	751-4177	Monday-Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call for opening hours on training and federal holidays
Army Career Alumni Program	751-4109/4104	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Army Community Service	751-5256	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Army Continuing Education Services	751-5341	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Army Substance Abuse Program	751-5007	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bowling, Century Lanes	751-6138	closed Monday; Tuesday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. , Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m. to midnight; Sunday, 2-10 p.m.
Bowling, Ivy Lanes	751-4759	
Car Care Center	782-1639	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Chaplain Museum	751-8827/8079	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Child and Youth Services	751-4865	Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center	751-3219	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Class VI	782-1601	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Clinical Army Substance Abuse Program	751-6597	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Coleman Gym	751-5896	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends, training holidays and holidays except Christmas and New Year’s Day, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Commissary	751-5789	Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
DA Photos (TSC)	751-7593	Monday-Thursday, 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.
Defense Military Pay Office	751-6669 (Soldiers) 751-4914 (Civilian)	Monday-Friday, 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m.
Dental Clinics	751-5178/6017	Monday-Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Family Health Center	751-2273	Monday-Friday, 7:20 a.m. to 8 p.m.; training holidays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Florist	738-1812	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery	699-2246	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Furniture Store	787-9175	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hospital Retail Annex	782-1263	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ID Section	751-7731	Monday- Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Legal Assistance and Claims	751-4287/3603	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
LCI-SSSC	790-5306	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Main Outpatient Pharmacy	751-2259	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MG Robert B. Solomon Center	751-4056	Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Military Clothing Sales Store	787-5248	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
NCO Club	782-2218	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Open later for entertainment and special events; call for details and times
Officers’ Club	751-4906	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (open to nonmembers); Sunday brunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (members)
Palmetto Falls Water Park	751-3381	closed Monday; Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 1-7 p.m.
Perez Fitness Center	751-6258	Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; weekends and training holidays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pharmacy Annex (PX mall)	751-2250	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pools, Knight	751-4796	Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday **Closed for renovations**
Pools, Legion	751-4796	Monday-Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday **Closed for season **
Post Exchange	787-1950/1951/1952	Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Post Office	782-8709	Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Recycling Center	751-4208	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Open 24 hours for drop-off
Reuse Center	751-5121	Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Safety Center	751-6004	Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Shoppette Lee Road	782-0590	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Shoppette Gate 1	782-2076	Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Shoppette Gate 2	790-4478	24 hours a day
SSI Retail Annex	738-9189	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thrift Shop	787-2153	Tuesday- Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Vanguard Gym	751-4384	
Vehicle Registration	751-5887	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Veterinary Clinic	751-7160	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Victory Travel	751-5812	Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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HAPPENINGS

Calendar

Monday through Friday, Nov. 20
ASAP Unit Prevention Leader Class
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 3250 Sumter Ave.
Call 751-5007 for information.

Monday
Federal Employee Health Benefits Fair
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Main Post Chapel
Call 751-5834 for information.

Tuesday
Town Hall meeting
6 p.m., Solomon Center

Wednesday
Native American Heritage celebration
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Officers Club

Retired Officers Wives Club luncheon
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Officers Club
The club is hosting its bazaar luncheon.
RSVP by 3 p.m., Friday by calling 783-1220 or 788-1094.

Thursday, Nov. 19
The Rocks Inc.
5:30 p.m., Post Conference Room
“A tribute to the Year of the NCO”
NCOs, warrant officers, officers and civilians are invited to attend.
RSVP by Wednesday, 751-1898.

Friday, Nov. 20
Pet visitation therapy informational
6:30-9:30 p.m.,
Moncrief Army Community Hospital
Pet owners interested in their dogs participating in a pet therapy program are invited. Call 751-4329 for information.

Tuesday, Nov. 24
AG Corps membership breakfast
7:15-8:30 a.m., NCO Club
The Carolina Chapter of the Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association has scheduled its quarterly membership breakfast. Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Culbertson, will be guest speaker. Call 751-8417 for information.

Housing events

All events are held in the Balfour Beatty Communities management office unless otherwise specified. For more information, call 738-8275.

Friday
Cleaning out my closet
2-4 p.m.
“Shop” for free new or gently used items for the family.

Thursday, Nov. 19
Breakfast on the go
7:15 a.m.
Breakfast will be provided by Chick-fil-A at the bus stop on Imboden and Burt roads for children on the way to school.

Parents’ Retreat
5-9 p.m.
Parents can take the night off while their children enjoy a movie. For children through age 13. RSVP by Monday. Space limited to the first 30 children.

Tuesday, Nov. 24
Fort Jackson CSI
3-4:30 p.m.
Join Balfour Beatty for an interactive crime scene mystery. Open to all ages. Parents are expected to assist younger participants.

Announcements

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB INTERNSHIP
Paid internships are available for high school students, freshmen through seniors. Children of active duty Soldiers are eligible to participate as junior staff members in various school districts, including Richland one and two, Lexington one and five and Fairfield. Call 467-9693 or e-mail tthames@bgcmidlands.org for more information.

2010 CLAFLIN APPLICATIONS
An information meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm., Tuesday, in the Education Center, Room 205, for those interested in attending Claflin University at Fort Jackson. The school is accepting applications for the Spring 2010 semester. Claflin offers evening courses toward a bachelor’s degree in organizational management and sociology/criminal justice administration. For information, call 751-7209 or 787-0596 or e-mail tgilmore@claflin.edu.

DIVALASHOUS MAKEOVERS
DivaLASHous is offering free makeovers to female Soldiers who have recently returned from deployment to a war zone. The makeover includes a free makeup application, including lash extensions, a private lesson and face chart by a trained and certified makeup artist. Call 414-7995 to schedule a consultation.

MAIL HANDLERS COURSE
The Mail Handlers Course is scheduled for Nov. 24, Dec. 15, Jan. 26 and Feb. 10 at the Fort Jackson Education Center, Room B206. The Mail Orderly Course is scheduled from 8:30-9:15 a.m. and the Mail Clerk Course is scheduled

from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Advance enrollment is necessary. Call 751-5335 for information.

SUMTER AVENUE RESURFACING
Sumter Avenue is being resurfaced, and some lane closures are possible. Delays should be minimal. The project is scheduled to be completed Nov. 30.

FREEDOM AWARD NOMINATIONS
Nominations for the 2010 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award are being accepted through Jan. 18. The award is the highest recognition given by the federal government to employers for their outstanding support of employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. Award recipients will be announced in the spring and honored in September. For nomination information, visit www.freedomaward.mil or call 703-380-9262.

DHR FURNITURE
The Directorate of Human Resources is replacing furniture in the AG Project Manager Office, Strom Thurmond Building, Room 215, from Friday through Nov. 20. The office will temporarily relocate to Room 226. DHR is also replacing work stations/furniture through Jan. 8 in the official mail side of the post office. Call 751-5335 for information.

COME SEE YOUR ARMY TOURS
“Come see your Army” tours are conducted monthly. The tours provide the community an opportunity to attend a Basic Combat Training graduation; observe Soldiers in training; get hands-on experience with a state-of-the-art weapons simulator system; eat lunch at a military dining facility; and shop for souvenirs. Call 751-1474/5327 to participate.

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Off-post events

WOUNDED WARRIOR RUN
East Carolina University’s Army ROTC and the Brook Valley Country Club have scheduled their Annual Wounded Warrior Run for Saturday. The race is in support of the Soldiers in the Fort Bragg, N.C. Warrior Transition Battalion. Visit www.woundedwarriorrun.com for information.

PALMETTO PAINTERS
Palmetto Painters has scheduled its November meeting for 10 a.m., Saturday, at Green Hill Baptist Church, 1734 August Road, West Columbia. The program is an oil still life, and will be taught by Mary Hartfield. Call 781-2340 or visit www.palmettopainters.com for more information.

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY
America Recycles Day is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clemson Research and Education Center, 900 Clemson Road across from the Village at Sandhill. Free food and drinks from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Various children’s activities, including magic acts, face painting and pony rides.

Recyclable residential electronics, auto tires (limit four per household), mattresses, medical aids, household items and scrap metal will be accepted until 3 p.m.
Call 576-2446 to make an appointment for hazardous waste recycling. Visit www.keepthemidlandsbeautiful.org/pdf/ardflyer2009.pdf for information.

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY
Bible Way Church of Atlas Road has scheduled its Fourth Annual Military Appreciation Day for Sunday. Veterans and current military personnel are invited to the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Those who desire to wear uniforms are welcome to, but uniforms are not required.
Reserved seating will be provided for those families arriving 15 minutes prior to service, and a complimentary meal will be served following the 11 a.m. service. Col. Lillian Dixon will be the special guest.

KIDS IN PRINT
The Richland County Public Library is accepting entries for “Kids in Print,” a publication featuring artwork, photos and writing by children, 6 to 18. Entry forms are available at all RCPL locations and online at www.myRCPL.com/children. Submissions are due Dec. 4.

TRICARE offers no-cost H1N1 vaccine

From TRICARE Management Activity

Immunizations against the H1N1 virus will soon be available, and people are eager to take precautions. TRICARE Prime, Standard and Extra beneficiaries can get their shots from network and non-network providers without paying a deductible or making a co-payment.

A temporary waiver allows non-active duty TRICARE Prime enrollees to get the H1N1 immunization from non-network providers without a referral or authorization, eliminating point-of-service charges.

Prime enrollees will not be charged a co-payment or cost share.

Active duty service members should follow the guidance of their respective services.

“Preventive medicine is a very important part of TRI-

CARE’s goal of keeping service members, retirees and families healthy,” said Rear Adm. Christine Hunter, deputy director of the TRICARE Management Activity. “To that end, we make getting vaccinated as convenient and affordable as possible. Beneficiaries should talk to their primary care manager if they have any questions about the H1N1 vaccine or other vaccines.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the vaccine for the seasonal flu is not expected to protect against H1N1; immunization for the 2009 H1N1 strain is therefore recommended. Both vaccines can be administered on the same day.

CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends that everyone get the H1N1 vaccine, but for certain groups vaccination is more critical. These include:

- ❑ Pregnant women;

- ❑ People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months;

- ❑ Health care and emergency medical services personnel;

- ❑ Everyone between the ages of 6 months and 24 years;

- ❑ People ages 25 through 64 with chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems; and

- ❑ Older people with diabetes, cardiovascular disease, asthma or HIV.

For more information on H1N1 and other seasonal flu conditions, beneficiaries should contact their primary care manager or visit the TRICARE Web site at *http://tricare.mil/flu*, or go to the Department of Defense Pandemic Influenza Watchboard at *http://fhpp.osd.mil/aiWatchboard/index.jsp*.

MACH updates

MACH CLOSES ENROLLMENT

Because of a shortage of on-post primary care providers, active duty family members will no longer be able to enroll for services at MACH. Family members will have a choice of Primary Care Managers in the TRICARE Prime network in the civilian community.

CATARACT SCREENING

The Moncrief Army Community Hospital Ophtalmology Clinic will conduct quick cataract evaluations Nov. 20 and Dec. 11 for

all beneficiary categories, including active-duty family members, retirees and retiree family members.

A referral is not necessary to call for an appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 751-5406.

OUT-PROCESSING POLICY

Soldiers must now clear the Army Substance Abuse Program, Social Work Services and Behavioral Health prior to leaving the installation.

The Soldiers’ out-processing will include a review of medical records and provide an opportunity for the Soldier to receive care or information at their gaining installation. Out-processing hours are 8-11 a.m., Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Thursday, at MACH, Room 7-90. For information, call 751-2235.

APPOINTMENTS ON TWITTER

MACH is announcing same-day appointments for primary care on Twitter. These are appointments that were initiated

by a patient but were canceled.

The open appointment will become available to the first patient to request it. Sign up at *www.twitter.com/machcsd*.

ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

The MACH Orthopedic Clinic is currently seeing only active-duty Soldiers and certain other patients for follow-up appointments. If you need assistance obtaining orthopedic care, call the referral center at 751-2363

Thank you for your service!

Woerner: the Ranger

Name: Fred Woerner
Current occupation: retired
Military occupation: Infantry, foreign area officer
Retirement date/rank: Retired in 1989 as a general

After a long and illustrious career in the Army, retired Gen. Fred Woerner spends his days gardening, reading, reflecting, boating and fishing at his home on the shores of Lake Murray.

Prior to his retirement in 1989, he was commander-in-chief of the U.S. Southern Command, where he provided leadership to an organization consisting of more than 30,000 military and civilian employees in 17 countries.

His life and career adhere to his belief that, “Military service is a noble profession that offers the wonderful opportunity to serve our great country.”

Woerner was born in Philadelphia on Aug. 12, 1933. After graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. in 1955, he entered the Army as a second lieutenant in infantry, qualified as a paratrooper and a Ranger. His military career was divided between infantry assignments and political military duties in Latin America. He served in the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii as platoon leader, executive officer, assistant S-3, and Aide-de-Camp to the commanding general. Subsequently, he served on staffs at every echelon from Division to the Army General Staff.

Woerner served two tours in Vietnam, one in which he served as an infantry adviser to regional forces in the Mekong Delta. He later returned to command the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment.

After retirement, Woerner accepted a position as a tenured Professor of International Relations at Boston University, a position he held for 13 years. He also served as chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the America Battle Monuments Commission, an independent agency of the executive branch of the federal government. Woerner also served as senior executive for the project to build the congressionally mandated WWII Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, including private fundraising, site selection, design, construction and dedication.

After his years of service, he believes the Army owes the Soldier, “the opportunity to grow professionally, to serve and to have fun.”

In turn, the Soldier must, “make a commitment to professional excellence through studying, reading, considering, challenging, thinking, and applying.”

He also said, “It is the fundamental responsibility of today’s officers to train and lead in order to minimize danger to their troops in the accomplishment of their mission.”

It is clear that Woerner is proud of having been a Soldier and served his country

— Teresa Sanderson



WOERNER

Local veterans find unity in Army pride

By CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN
Leader Staff

There are thousands of military retirees and veterans who choose to call the Fort Jackson area home. And many of them go on to continue their second career as civilians or contractors at Fort Jackson. From Post Headquarters, to Child, Youth and School Services, these veterans continue to serve our country by serving our Soldiers.

In each of these veterans is the face of our brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers and any of our loved ones who have served in the military. These former Soldiers are from all walks of life; all

joined the Army for different reasons, and all continue to have that pride they displayed as Soldiers as they continue their work here on Fort Jackson.

For 90 years, the United States has recognized Nov. 11 as a day to recognize its service members — first with Armistice Day, and later as Veterans Day. Regardless of the name, it is a day set aside to honor our service members.

As part of a special tribute this Veterans Day, we highlighted four of these veterans. And though this is but a small fraction of the Fort Jackson retiree/veteran community, this is our way of saying thanks to those who served and continue to serve.

Crystal.Y.Brown@us.army.mil

Kennedy: the hero

Name: Olin Kennedy
Current occupation: Transportation supervisor, Youth Services Center; Child, Youth and School Services
Military occupation: Started in engineering, then switched to food services
Retirement date/rank: Retired in 1996 as a sergeant first class

As Olin Kennedy, who has worked at the Youth Services Center for eight years, talks about his job, his face brightens. As part of his job as transportation supervisor, he is often responsible for driving children to and from the center, as well as transporting them on field trips.

What has kept him coming the past eight years, he said, is “getting to see the smiles on their faces.”

Kennedy, who also teaches Bible study at his church in Blythewood, found his calling working with children after 25 years in the Army and five years working as a cook with the S.C. Department of Corrections. But the man the children and staff of the Youth Services Center call “Mr. Kennedy,” was years ago called “hero.”

Kennedy recalled the day in 1981 when he was visiting a friend in Anchorage, Alaska near where he was stationed. As he looked out the window, he noticed the house across the street was on fire. He told his friend to call 911 and went outside to check on it.

“At that time, I heard a lady and a child inside the house,” he said.



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The Army gave him the Soldier’s Medal for Heroism for his actions — which saved the lives of the woman and the child whom she was baby-sitting. He was a specialist 5 at the time, now the equivalent of a sergeant.

“It’s something that sticks with you,” he said of the incident.

Asked what made him go into the burning house, he said, “It didn’t faze me until I was in there.”

But standing in the smoke, surrounded by fire, he said he made a commitment to himself and the woman he saved: “I’m going to do this, and we’re getting out of here together.”

And they did.

— Crystal Lewis Brown



Clayton-Banks: the drill sergeant

Name: Valorie Clayton-Banks
Current occupation: Secretary of the General Staff; administrative assistant
Military occupation: Administrative specialist / drill sergeant
Retirement date/rank: Retired in 2005 as a master sergeant

Sunday morning, Valorie Clayton-Banks stood alongside many other veterans and Soldiers at her church as they were honored for their service to the country.

“I look at it as an honor,” she said. “I’m just humbled and honored to be a part of those who have served.”

Although she is now a DA civilian, it is obvious from the many photos of herself and her former Soldiers that she remembers her active duty time fondly.

During her 22 years in the Army, her time as a drill sergeant still stands out, she said. She said she especially liked seeing the transformation of the new recruits as they went from civilians to Soldiers.

“I liked (being a) drill sergeant so much, I volunteered to go to the 120th for a third year,” she said, referring to the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception). “The biggest part of being a drills sergeant, for me, was to be an example and a motivator.”

For Clayton-Banks, her time at Fort Jackson has come full circle.



Courtesy photo

Valorie Clayton-Banks served as a drill sergeant on Fort Jackson.

“When I think about Fort Jackson, they say ‘Victory starts here,’” she said. “For me, victory really did start here.”

Clayton-Banks started out as an administrative specialist at Fort Jackson in 1982. Ten years later, she returned as a drill sergeant with Company D, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment. And 10 years after that, she returned as the post equal opportunity adviser, where she remained until her retirement.

Clayton-Banks said that although drill sergeants still have the mission of training Soldiers, there appear to be some changes.

“From what I see ... the focus now is

not necessarily so much on everything being ‘dress right, dress,’ she said, referring to the phrase meaning neat and organized. “It’s to survive out there on the battlefield.”

Months after retiring, Clayton-Banks started her job working at Post Headquarters, a job which allows her to remain a part of the Army family.

“To me, getting this job and being able to be around Soldiers, it’s like I’m not really transitioned yet,” she said. “I’m not a Soldier, but I’m still part of the Army’s mission.”

— Crystal Lewis Brown

Darrow: the voice of victory

Name: Paula Darrow
Current occupation: Senior operations assistant / Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security
Military occupation: Nurse
Retirement date/rank: Retired in 1989 as a lieutenant colonel

Many of Fort Jackson’s civilians, Soldiers, retirees and family members have heard the voice of the woman who is often called the “Voice of Victory,” but somehow, Paula Darrow remains relatively low key.

Darrow counts being responsible for facilitating many of Fort Jackson’s ceremonies, including graduations and changes of command, among her many duties as a senior operations assistant with DPTMS.

Hers is the voice most often heard reading the list of awardees at Basic Combat Training graduations or the biographies of commanders at changes of command.

But before she became the “voice of victory,” Darrow was a nurse in the Women’s Army Corps.

When Darrow joined the Army in

1969, women were part of the WAC, which was separate from the “regular” Army. The uniforms were different, said Darrow, as was the brass. In the 70s, the WAC was integrated into one Army.

“For me, the transition really wasn’t a big deal,” she said.

The biggest difference? “We didn’t have classes on how to wear makeup anymore.”

After her retirement in 1989, Darrow held jobs with DPTMS, Veterinary Command and the Public Affairs Office, before returning to DPTMS.

Darrow said she thinks the Army has come a long way since her time in the WAC. Having female command sergeants major and garrison commander, as is the case on Fort Jackson, was unheard of then, she said.

When she came in the Army, she said, there were no female drill sergeants. Today, it is not uncommon to see a woman leading troops as a drill sergeant or commander.

“I think (women) became more equal,” she said. “You’re not just going to be some commander’s administrative assistant or a



Photo by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

Paula Darrow shares stories of her time in the Women’s Army Corps, in which she served as a nurse. She retired in 1989.

nurse or a medic ... There are a lot more (military occupational specialties) for women.

“I think (in) the Army as a whole, there is more equality, more acceptance.”

—Crystal Lewis Brown

FMWR launches family covenant essay contest

The Army made a promise to Soldiers and their families in 2007 that the Army’s support would be commensurate to the sacrifices Soldiers and their families make in their service to the nation. That promise is delivered through quality-of-life programs, many from Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Since the signing of the original covenant, the Army has been ensuring excellence in Child, Youth and School Services, increasing the availability of health care for family members, improving Soldier and family housing, and expanding employment opportunities for spouses.

The Army funded 72 Child Development Center Construction projects, worked with 25 states, including South Carolina, and encouraged them to adopt the Interstate Compact for Education. Also, more than 41,000 military spouses have been placed in the Army Spouse Employment program.

The Interstate Compact for Education allows children of military families to move to schools in different states without losing credit for courses or delaying graduation.

New hiring policies have made it easier for military spouses to have meaningful and gainful employment. Improved access to quality health care led to 36 Warrior Transition Units being built, which provided support to more than 7,000 wounded warriors since 2007. Select Reservists and their families now spend 25 percent less on standard TRICARE coverage.

Middle school students and teens can now participate in hundreds of after school activities at no cost. Parents no

Army Family Covenant

By **THERESA O’HAGAN**
Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

longer have to pay a registration fee to enroll children in CYSS activities. Thousands of hours of respite, and other care, have been provided since 2007.

From health care to child care, and libraries to fitness centers, improvements in the quality of life for Soldiers and their families can be seen across the Army.

The Fort Jackson FMWR is asking the post community to share what the Army Family Covenant means to them. Become a fan of the FMWR Facebook page through Nov. 17 and submit an essay on “What the Army Family Covenant Means to Me.” A winner will be chosen every Friday through Nov. 20 and announced on the FMWR Facebook page. Contestants must be stationed at, working, living or on temporary duty status at Fort Jackson during the time period of Nov. 1-20 to enter.

Each weekly winner will receive a prize. The weekly winners will also be entered into the finals. The author of the winning essay will receive \$250 in gift cards. The second-place author will win a diamond necklace and the third place author will win a \$100 e-gift card to Levis.com. The winners will be announced at the Families of the Year Ceremony, Nov. 23, 1 p.m..

For official rules, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com.

FMWR calendar

THURSDAY

- ❑ Visit Century Lanes for food, fun and bowling.
- ❑ Magraders Pub and Club is open for lunch.
- ❑ Visit the Officers’ Club 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the new Blue Plate Specials.
- ❑ Victory Bingo, 2-11 p.m.
- ❑ Bling it to the EDGE!, 3:30-5 p.m., 5955-D Parker Lane. Design your own jewelry. Free for children 11-18.

FRIDAY

- ❑ Artistic Expressions with Jake, 6:30 p.m., Teen Room at the Youth Services Center.
- ❑ Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at Magraders Club, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magraders Club is located in the back of Magraders Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.
- ❑ Victory Bingo, 2 p.m. to 2 a.m.
- ❑ Take a bite out of Twilight with the EDGE!, 3:30-5 p.m. Open to children 12-18 (11 year-olds need parental permission). For more information, call 751-3053.

SATURDAY

- ❑ FMWR family garage sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Solomon Center. For more information, call 751-4056.
- ❑ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the Youth Services Center.
- ❑ Victory Bingo, starts at 4 p.m.
- ❑ Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Excalibur Room at the NCO Club. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.

SUNDAY

- ❑ Family day at the Youth Services Center, 2-6 p.m.
- ❑ Traditional brunch, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m, Officers’ Club. Coat and tie are no longer required. T-shirts, running attire and flip flops are not permitted. Call 751-4906/782-8761 for reservations.
- ❑ Victory Bingo, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ❑ NFL players club, Magraders Pub and Club. Watch NFL games on big screen TVs and win prizes.

MONDAY

- ❑ Take a bite out of Twilight with the EDGE!, 3:30-5 p.m. Open to children 12-18 (11-year-olds need parental permission). For more information, call 751-3053.
- ❑ PBA experience, 5 p.m., Century Lanes Bowling Center, \$18 per week.
- ❑ Family fun duo league, 6 p.m., Century Lanes Bowling Center, \$19 per duo.

TUESDAY

- ❑ Bling it to the EDGE!, 3:30-5 p.m., 5955-D Parker Lane. Design your own jewelry. Free for children 11-18.
- ❑ Victory Bingo is no longer open Tuesdays.
- ❑ Deadline to enter the “What the Army Family Covenant means to you” essay contest.

WEDNESDAY

- ❑ Karaoke night with Tom Marable at Magraders Club. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.
- ❑ Party night, 8 p.m., NCO Club. Cover charge is \$7 for civilians and \$5 for military.
- ❑ Take a bite out of Twilight with the EDGE!, 3:30-5 p.m. Open to children 12-18 (11 year-olds need parental permission). For more information, call 751-3053.

WHERE ON FORT JACKSON IS GI JOE?

This week’s clue: If you go there often, you will get smarter.

ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: Keeping the Promise

“For us, the Army Family Covenant means better after school programs like dance for me and sports for my brother.”

MALENNIE AND BRYAN, U.S. Army Kids

Peer-to-peer program helps school-age kids

By **KEISHA MCCOY-WILSON**

Army School Liaison Officer

The resiliency of a military family goes far beyond the number of deployments families have to endure. School-aged children must carry on as a parent prepares for possible deployment and yet handle life's experiences as best they can. Strength and sacrifice not only applies to the men and women in uniform, but to the children they leave behind.

As parents go away to adhere to the call of service, their children remain with the unknown in front of them. As they transition from one state to another, they are faced with a

new home, a new school and the possible difficulties of making new friends.

To address these concerns, schools in the United States and abroad are addressing the needs of not only our military students, but also civilian students who transition.

Military-connected schools are taking a proactive approach to make sure that all children are given the resources they need to establish effective and positive school relationships.

If a student transitions from a different state, some schools provide immediate peer support for the incoming student. Students are then made to feel like a part of the

school "family" and are paired with students who have the same interests.

Not only do these peer-to-peer relationships foster a sense of relief for the student entering a new school, they allow the transitioning student the opportunity to focus more on academics rather than on whether they are going to fit in.

When a child has what he or she needs to be successful, the deployed parents can focus on their mission knowing that their children are adjusting, getting a quality education, and establishing positive relationships.

To know more about local schools that are fostering peer partnerships, contact the local school liaison officer.



FORT JACKSON SCHOOLS

Nov. 25-27: Thanksgiving break
Dec. 2: Interim report cards, grades 4-6
Dec. 21 to Jan. 1: Winter break

RICHLAND ONE

Wednesday: Early dismissal for middle school/high school students
Nov. 19: Interim reports
Nov. 25-27: Thanksgiving break
Dec. 21 to Jan. 1: Winter break

RICHLAND TWO

Nov. 25-27: Thanksgiving break
Dec. 2: Choice fair (featuring magnet programs), 6:30-8 p.m., Richland Northeast High School auditorium

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Chick-Fil-A on Decker Boulevard is providing job opportunities to military high school students. For more information, contact Aaron Jackson at 316-1981.

ONLINE TUTORING

Military-connected students can regis-

ter for free tutoring service provided by the Army. The cost occurs to the Army when the tutoring service is provided.

The link is: <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/ChildYouthandSchoolServices/CYSServicesOnlineTutoring/default.aspx>

For students to get their own password, they need to go to myarmyonesource.com/cyss_tutor and follow the directions. They will be asked for garrison name, e-mail address, and gender. They then will be given a specific password, sent to their e-mail address.

The garrison will be credited with a census count for each student who logs on and then the count will continue throughout the year.

STRUGGLING LEARNERS

For more information on how effective learning can be restored for struggling learners, contact the Discovery Program of South Carolina: www.discoveryprogramsc.org or call 419-0126.

HOMESCHOOLERS

❑ For more information on home schooling in South Carolina, visit: http://www.hslda.org/laws/analysis/South_Carolina.pdf.

❑ For more information about Fort Jackson's Home School Group, contact Bethany Storlazzi at 419-0760 or e-mail

johnlazzi@yahoo.com. Fort Jackson homeschoolers meet once a week throughout the school year.

YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

The Youth Services Center, located at the corner of Imboden Parkway and Chesnut Road, serves as the focal point for many youth programs and is an affiliate of the Boys and Girls Club of America. School Age Services, Middle School/Teen programs and Youth Sports are all home-based in this facility. The center provides open recreation and opportunities for youth at scheduled times and are the sites of many special events such as dances, lock-ins, block parties and sports and game contests.

SCHOOL AGE SERVICES

School Age Services is based at the Youth Services Center. It operates before and after-school options during the public school year for grades one through five, and full-day options during the summer months. The before school program operates from 4:30-8 a.m. and provides transportation or escort services to the Fort Jackson elementary schools and select off post schools. After school options operate from 2:30-6:30 p.m., including pick up services from Fort Jackson schools and off post schools. During teacher in-service days and school holidays, the program op-

erates from 4:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The curriculum is based on four service areas: fitness and sports, life skills and citizenship, leisure and recreation, and mentoring and support. Youth are offered a choice in the type and frequency of activities. Typical activities include the computer lab, homework assistance, leisure time, sports and fitness activities, arts and crafts, instructional classes and club time.

Whether enrolled in the before or after school program or not, children are encouraged to participate on Preteen Council and assist staff in programming activities and events for their age group. Child, Youth and School Services registration includes 10 free hours a month as well as operating hours on Saturday and Sunday. Additional hours are available.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/TEEN PROGRAM

Options for middle school and high school youth include four service areas: sports and fitness, leisure and recreation, life skills and leadership, and intervention and support. Middle school youth and teens are encouraged to be active members of the Torch and Keystone leadership clubs and assist staff in the programming activities and events for their age group. A monthly calendar of events is available.

Editor's note: For more information on Army School Liaison Services, call 751-6150.

Gratitude often compels us to action

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) TODD MORRISON**
3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Battalion

In the Christian Bible, Luke tells the story of Jesus healing 10 lepers. After Jesus sent them to the priest to be pronounced clean, one of the lepers returned to Jesus, praised God, fell at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. Jesus’ response was to ask where the other nine lepers were.

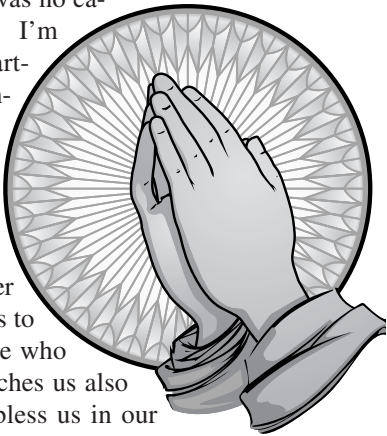
“Were not 10 made clean?” he asked.
He then blessed the thankful man and sent him on his way.

Where were the other nine? Why did they not come back to thank Jesus? I would imagine that they were all thankful. Maybe in their excitement they ran back home to their families or were distracted by all of the things they could do again. But only one was compelled by his thankfulness to track down Jesus and offer praise and humble

thanks to God. This was no casual, “Thank God, I’m healed.” It was a heartfelt gratitude that compelled him to action.

How does a heart full of gratitude compel us to action?

We must remember our first action after receiving a blessing is to give thanks to the one who bestowed it. This teaches us also to thank those who bless us in our daily lives. Maybe, instead of casually telling a friend, “Thanks for the hospitality,” my gratitude could overflow into a written thank-you note sent the old fash-



ioned way — through the mail box. As I finish my supper and tell my wife, “Thanks for cooking supper,” I could follow those words up with the action of clearing the table or doing the dishes or — dare I say — both.

When our heart overflows with joy and gratitude, God calls us to pour out that gratitude in love to the people around us. We must seek out the needs and concerns of others and search for a way to channel God’s blessing to them.

How do I show God I am grateful for what he is doing in my life?

How can I be like the leper who recognizes what God has given him and does not take it for granted? Express thanks first to God, build up one another by thanking individuals for their acts of service to us and, finally, feed those in need — both spiritually and physically — to be a channel of God’s grace and blessing during this Thanksgiving season and throughout the year.



PROTESTANT

- Sunday
8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel)
7:45 a.m. Bayonet Chapel (Hispanic)
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel
9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
9:40 a.m. Moncrief Army Community Hospital
10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Main Post Chapel)
11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
- Wednesday
6 p.m. Prayer Service Daniel Circle Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Mid-week Service Daniel Circle Chapel

Protestant Bible Study
■ Monday

- 7 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (PWOC — Main Post Chapel, Class 209)
■ Wednesday
7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel
7 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Congregation’s Youth (Daniel Circle Chapel)
■ Thursday
9:30 a.m.-noon Women’s Bible Study (PWOC, Main Post Chapel)
6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)
7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
■ Saturday
8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Main Post Chapel, (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall)

- PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL**
■ Saturday
11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (third Saturday)
■ Sunday
5 p.m. Main Post Chapel

CATHOLIC

- Monday-Thursday
11:30 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- Sunday
8 a.m. Mass (Solomon Center)
11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)

- 9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
■ Wednesday
7 p.m. Rosary
7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL

- Sunday
8 a.m. Memorial Chapel

ISLAMIC

- Sunday
8-10 a.m. Islamic Studies (Main Post Chapel)
- Friday
12:30-1:45 p.m. Jumah Services (Main Post Chapel)

JEWISH

- Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel
10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Sunday
11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

LATTER DAY SAINTS

- Sunday
9:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-4478
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Avenue, 751-6469
- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-4542
- Family Life Chaplain**
4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Anderson Street Chapel**
2335 Anderson St., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- 120th Rec. Bn. Chapel**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Chaplain School**
10100 Lee Road, 751-8050

New program allows for online claims

By **CAPT. PATRICK BARRETT**
Legal Assistance Office

In October, a new claims computer program was fielded: the Personnel Claims Army Information Management System.

The new program allows Soldiers and DA civilians to file personnel claims online, rather than having to physically visit or mail documents to the military claims office. Although paper copies of claims will still be accepted, the new program should make it easier to file claims for property loss.

Personnel claims allow Soldiers and DA civilians to be compensated for property loss and damage sustained incident to service. Many Soldiers file personnel claims when their household goods are lost or damaged during shipment; these comprise the vast majority of personnel claims.

Personnel claims may also be filed in other situations, such as when Soldiers sustain losses due to fire or flood at on-post quarters.

The new program can be accessed at the

Judge Advocate General's Corps Web site, www.jagcnet.army.mil. Click on the U.S. Army Claims Service link and then click on the PCLAIMS link for a description of the rules for filing personnel claims and to fill out all the required forms. An Army Knowledge Online account is required. Claimants without an AKO account should contact the claims office at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 9475 Kershaw Rd. to file their claims.

The PCLAIMS program requires a list of all lost or damaged property, the purchase dates and costs, and replacement or repair costs. This is required whether the claim is filed on paper or electronically. Basic supporting documents, such as a government bill of lading (for transportation-related claims), estimates of repairs and photos of damaged property can be scanned and added to the electronic claim.

For those without access to a scanner, documents can be mailed or hand-carried to the claims office. The claims office will then add them to the claim file.

Once all the necessary information has been entered, the claim can be verified and submitted. It will be electronically sent to the claims office, which will adjudicate the claim and arrange for payment, as appropriate. An e-mail or telephone number is also required so the claims office can contact the claimant with any questions. Providing accurate contact information is critical, and incorrect contact information may lead to a delay in payment.

PCLAIMS should not be confused with the Full Replacement Value program, the new system applicable to household goods and other transportation-related claims, or the Defense Personnel Property Program, a new computerized transportation program applicable to many household good shipments.

Under FRV and DP3, Soldiers and DA civilians are encouraged to file transportation-related claims directly against the carrier responsible for the loss. Claimants only have nine months to file such claims. In return they are paid the full replacement value

for their destroyed property.

PCLAIMS cannot be used to file claims against carriers; it can only be used for personnel claims filed against the government. If, however, claimants are dissatisfied with carrier offers to settle claims under the FRV or DP3 programs, they may reject the offers and file their claims against the government. Such claimants can use PCLAIMS to file these new claims, but should contact the Fort Jackson claims office before doing so.

There is no interface between DP3 (which also involves electronic claims filing) and PCLAIMS, so it is important to contact the claims office for specific guidance on how to transfer these claims from a carrier to the military.

PCLAIMS is designed to give Soldiers and DA civilians more options for filing personnel claims. Comments on the new program should be forwarded to the U.S. Army Claims Service at 4411 Llewellyn Avenue, Fort Meade, Md. 20755, or at USARCSFRVclaims@conus.army.mil.

Regulation offers guidance on cold-weather injury prevention

By **SGT. 1ST CLASS FAAPEPELE TAJALLE**
Assistant Inspector General

Cold weather injury prevention is a responsibility of the command and leadership, as well as a personal responsibility, which depends on having the proper knowledge and understanding of problems associated with inclement weather.

Planning and adequate cold-weather injury training are essential measures needed to minimize cold weather casualties.

TRADOC Regulation 350-29, Prevention of Heat and Cold Casualties, states that commanders must establish appropriate guidelines on training/physical activity, uniform wear and troop support requirements to conform to the precautions for each wind chill level, which are classified as green, yellow or red.

Anyone can get a cold-weather injury, but some Soldiers are more susceptible than others.

Soldiers who have had a cold weather injury in the past are much more likely to develop another cold injury, or a more severe cold injury. Prevention involves the proper use of clothing and equipment by Soldiers and continual interaction by leaders with their troops.

Leaders must constantly be aware of the condition of

their Soldiers and be alert for signs and symptoms of cold injuries.

Technical Bulletin Medical 508, Risk Management Steps for Preventing Cold Casualties for use by commanders, senior NCOs, and instructors is a great guide for all leaders. This guide provides the principles of risk management by identifying and assessing the hazards in terms of severity of probability, and implementing appropriate controls to abate the hazards.

A complete cold-weather injury prevention and management program will follow the guidance outlined in the manual. Understanding the contributing factors of cold-weather injuries provides a better understanding of the methods on how to fight the cold.

These environmental factors, which can all contribute to cold-weather injuries, include temperature, wind, rain and physical risk factors, such as physical fitness, fatigue, use of medications and poor nutrition. Therefore, it is essential for every leader to know the importance of preventing cold weather injuries because it is preventable.

Source: TRADOC Regulation 350-29: *Prevention of Heat and Cold Casualties*, 16 July 2003; *Unit Leaders' and Instructors' Risk Management Steps for Preventing Cold Casualties*

IG TIP

OFFICER DEVELOPMENTAL COUNSELING

DA Pamphlet 623-3, Chapter 2, para. 2-2, states that DA Form 67-9-1a form is primarily used to assist in the rapid, equal, and fair transition and professional development of Army officers in the ranks of captain, lieutenant and chief warrant officers one and two.

It allows the rater to direct the process with active participation from the rated officer. Within 30 days after the beginning of the rating period, the rater will give the rated officer a copy of the rater's and senior rater's most recent support form.

The officer will be tasked to draft the initial duty description, major performance objectives on the SF, become familiar with the Army values, and doctrinal leadership attributes/skills/actions defined in FM 6-22 (Army Leadership) and on the DSF.

There is a requirement to record one developmental task in each doctrinal behavior/skill listed on the form. The rater and rated officer will use the form throughout the rating period to guide the performance and development of the officer.

At the end of the rating period, if the rated officer rates another officer in the above ranks, the rater will place an "X" in the Yes or No box to indicate compliance of DSF requirements. When indicating a "No" entry a mandatory comment is required. If the rated officer does not rate any officers then an "X" will be marked in "NA" box.

Let 'er roll



Photo by MIKE A. GLASCH

Eric Nauta, Task Force Marshall, warms up before the Commander's Cup bowling tournament Nov. 4 at Century Lanes Bowling Center. MEDDAC won the unit competition, the individual winners were: Jeff Storm, MEDDAC, for the high series (male); Nichole Propes, 3-34th, for the high series (female); Justin Huff, 4-10th, for the high game (male); and Charisse Moss, 3-60th, for the high game (female).

Football standings*

Monday/ Wednesday League			Tuesday/Thursday League	
4-10th	8-2		187th	8-3
120th	7-1		3-60	7-1
3-34th	7-3		2-13th	6-2
SCNG	4-5		MEDDAC	6-4
165th	3-5		TSB	6-5
TFM	3-7		Team Camden	5-4
2-60th	0-9		MPs	3-6
* Standings as of Tuesday			2-39th	1-9
			DSS	1-9

Pinheads

Century Lanes Bowling Center salutes the following league bowlers on their honor scores:

- Oct. 14**
JaMel McDaniel shot 268, 196, 299 (11 strikes in a row) for a 763 series. The 299 game was a personal best for McDaniel.
- Oct. 20**
Walter Greene shot 277, 279, 256 for an 812 series. That averages 270.6 for three games. Greene shot the first 800 series of this league season.
- Oct. 25**
John P. Garrett shot 300, 151 and 183 for a 634 series.
- Oct. 28**
Robert Stein shot 234, 237 and 300 for a 771 series.

For more information about Fort Jackson bowling programs, call 751-6138.

Sports shorts

- ❑ Children 4-18 can register for winter cheerleading and winter basketball through Nov. 30. The season runs December through February. Games are Saturdays at the Youth Services Center. For more information, call 751-5040.
- ❑ The sports banquet is scheduled for Dec. 9, 11:30 a.m. at the Solomon Center.
- ❑ For information on sports events, call 751-3096.

LEADER INFORMATION

- ❑ Article submissions are due two weeks before the scheduled publication. For example, an article for the Dec. 3 *Leader* must be submitted by Nov. 19.
- ❑ Announcements are due one week before the scheduled publication. For example, an announcement for the Dec. 3 *Leader* must be submitted by Nov. 26.
- ❑ Send all submissions to FJLeader@conus.

- army.mil*.
- ❑ For information on how to submit, call 751-7045.
 - ❑ Fax classified ads to 432-6157 or mail to: *The Fort Jackson Leader*, P.O. Box 1137, Camden, S.C., 29020. Classified ads can also be e-mailed to: skaress@ci-camden.com.
- To place a display ad, contact Kathy at 786-5681.
- ❑ For information, call 751-7045.